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TOPIC	Soviet Air Force in Doeberitz		25X1
EVALUATION		25X1	PLACE OBTAINED
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DATE OBTAINED		DATE PREPARED	17 May 1954
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REMARKS			

1. On several days between 20 March and 10 April 1954, [redacted] no aircraft were stationed at Doeberitz airfield. Soldiers were repeatedly observed at the open doors of the hangars. [redacted] the water pipes in the hangars had been repaired during the last days in March.
2. The air force barracks buildings in Doeberitz were still occupied by air force soldiers.¹ Truck [redacted] were identified on trucks which were seen entering and leaving the installation.²
3. Between 7 and 13 April, no changes were observed in the occupation of Richthofen Kaserne and NSKK Kaserne in Doeberitz. The troops were still involved in theoretical training, manual exercises, and drilling. The latter, however, was reduced and only individual groups were seen training with carbines. Occasionally, [redacted] platoons of troops armed with carbines marched to the firing range. Smaller units were daily engaged in callisthenics. Doeberitz airfield was unoccupied up to 13 April 1954.¹

5. On 8 April, no aircraft were observed on the entire landing field or outside the hangars, the doors of which were closed.¹ Soldiers were seen between the hangars and the AA gun emplacements which had been previously reported several times. Each of the two AA gun emplacements were occupied by 3 x 37-mm AA guns.³ The camp in the northwestern corner of the field was guarded by Soviet soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets and stood on wooden towers. 4

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6. During the morning of 8 April, work was under way in the workshops at the field. The noise of engines was heard from the three test stands. Air force soldiers were engaged in unloading small and unpainted boxes from two boxcars on the spur track.

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7. About 10:40 a.m. on 8 April, there was activity by air force soldiers in the Richthofen Kaserne and NSKK Kaserne. [REDACTED]

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8. On 8 April, the quartering buildings of the former motor vehicle training section were rather heavily occupied. An air force soldier was posted at the gate. No motor vehicles or crates were observed in the former artillery equipment park, nor was activity seen there. An air force soldier guarded the entrance of the installation.¹

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. As previously observed, no air unit is stationed at Doeberitz airfield. The occupation of the barracks installations has not been changed.

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2. [REDACTED]

3. [REDACTED] Comment. The AA gun emplacements which are located at the western and eastern edges of the airfield had been occupied by 6 x 37-mm AA guns and 4 x 37-mm AA guns respectively prior to early March 1954.

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4. [REDACTED] Comment. An ammunition dump had been located in the north-western corner of the airfield during the period when the installation was occupied by a ground attack unit. At present, AA ammunition is probably being stored there.

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